Import of power equipment by CEA

*170. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will theMinister of ENERGY be pleased to tate-

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has drawn. up* a blueprint for huge imports of power equipment;

(b) if so, what are the details of the power equipment which CEA propose to import;

(c) whether the indigenous power equipment industries have been consulted before importing such huge equipment; and

(d) if so, what further action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The Central Electricity Authority has assessed the requirement of the power sector during the Seventh and Eighth Plan periods for meeting the demand for power. While primary reliance will continue to be placed on indigenous sources for; procurement of power equipment, external assistance for some power projects may have to be availed in view of the overall constraint of resources. External assistance is resorted to on a case by case basis keeping in view the national interest & fund constraints. CEA has net quantified the equipment to be imported.

Cases before MRTP Commission regarding equity linked debentures

*171. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be - pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases are pending before the MRTP Commission in respect of equity linked debentures after being cleared by the concerned Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the detailes thereof and

(c) what is the number and details ofcases launched on the basis of complaintsreceived from a consumer group of Ahme-dabad?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY; (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Fifty one cases involving issue of equity linked debentures are, at present, pending before the M. R. T. P. Commission. Thirty-two of thes'e cases arose. out of complaints made by the Consumer Education and Re- search Centre, Ahmedabad. Details regarding all the 51 cases are. given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. *[See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 54J.

Industrial development of Chandrapur

* 172. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the in dustrial development of Chandrapur in Maharashtra and if so, what are the de tails thereof;

(b) what are the narne of the institutions and agencies which have given offers in the development of Chandrapur; and

(c) what amount Government propose. to incur thereon?

THE MINISTER ? OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c> Industrialisation of a particular district} area in a State is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, in order to develop the backward areas, the Central-Government supplements their efforts by providing various incentives|concessions to encourage entrepreneurs for setting up industrial units in backward areas. Chandrapur district in Maharashtra has been identified as Category 'B' district and entrepreneurs- setting up industrial units in this district are eligible for 15 per cent Central Subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 15 lakhs (Rs. 20 lakhs in the case of Nucleus Plants> on fixed capital investments.